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FOR FURTHER ACTION
See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I | Basis of the opinion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. II | Priority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VII | Certain defects in the international application |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application |

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I **Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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4. Additional comments:

Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 2, 5, 10, 11	YES
	Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 – 9, 12	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-12	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Novelty (N) – Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 – 9, 12

US 2004/0016784 which was cited in the ISR, shows a tote for accommodating various sizes of cable ties. Figure 5 especially depicts a multi-compartment tote and paragraph 0043 describes its ability to vary the size of the compartments for the various size ties. Paragraph 0041 mentions that the closure can be closed using a zipper or a hook and latch type fastener. Ties are accessed through the centrally located apertures 210.

Inventive Step (IS) claims 1-12

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 – 9, 12-

As above for novelty

Claims 2, 5, 10, 11

The features added by these claims, eg, the manner of the creation of the central slot (claim 2), holder being a trapezoidal shape (claim 5), rolling the holder into a cylindrical shape (claim 10) are not considered to be inventive and is obvious to a skilled addressee in light of the disclosure in US 2004/0016784 which was cited in the ISR. Hence the invention as defined by these claims lacks an inventive step.

Box No. VIII **Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

1. Claim 2 is unclear with regard to the scope of "diving means" at line 11; perhaps "dividing means" is meant.
2. The description at page 4 lines 26 commences by designating the feature pockets with the reference numeral of 40 and then proceeds to use 42, which was previously designated to the stitching which divided the pockets.